

Animal Waste\_\_\_\_  
 Karst\_\_\_\_  
 Grazingland\_\_\_\_  
 Water Quality and Quantity\_\_\_\_

EQIP Ranking Criteria  
 EASTERN PANHANDLE  
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Points can only be earned when there is an environmental concern to be addressed by the implementation of a Conservation Management System. If the applicant is already doing the conservation practice that eliminates an environmental concern, then points will not be assigned. Points will be awarded as written on the worksheet and not arbitrarily reduced.  
 The Local Work Group for the Eastern Panhandle will award funds to the applicant with the highest number of points for BOTH GRAZINGLAND/LIVESTOCK AND CROPLAND.

| CONSERVATION PRACTICE  | PRACTICE EXTENT | POINT CRITERIA   | POINTS AWARDED | PRACTICE CODE           |
|--|-----------------|--|----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>SOIL CONDITION / SOIL EROSION</b>   |                 |  |                |                         |
| Reduce excessive erosion from Class 7 grassland or critically eroding areas by land use conversion to forestland.  |                 | 20 points  |                | <b>342-612-391-386</b>  |
| Improve soil tilth and reduce excessive erosion by the conversion of cropland to pastureland or hayland (Class III or higher only).  |                 | 20 points  |                | <b>512-511</b>          |
| Improve surface water quality by developing water facilities to encourage total pasture utilization.   |                 | 30 points  |                | <b>614-516<br/>642</b>  |
| Improve soil quality, reduce erosion and improve animal health by developing and implementing a prescribed grazing plan.   |                 | Continuous Grazing - 9+ days = 10 points<br>Rotational Grazing - 5-8 days = 20 points<br>Management Intensive Grazing - 1-4 days = 30 points |                | <b>528A-512<br/>382</b> |
| Utilize extended grazing to reduce confinement periods, as part of a prescribed grazing plan.  |                 | 1 month extension = 5 points<br>2 month extension = 10 points<br>3 month extension = 15 points   |                | <b>528A</b>             |
| Establish warm season grasses to improve grazing management during the summer grazing slump.   |                 | 20 points  |                | <b>512</b>              |
| Establish a pasture planting of endophyte free fescue or other pasture mixes that follow pasture and hayland standards and specifications to improve both forage quality and wildlife habitat. |                 | 10 points endophyte free fescue<br>20 points other pasture mix   |                | <b>512</b>              |

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| <b>SOIL CONDITION / SOIL EROSION</b>  |                    |                |                   |  |
| Reduce compaction, improve regeneration, and develop proper stand population on the forest landscape by excluding livestock.  |                    | 20 points      |                   | <b>382-391-472</b>                               |
| <b>AIR QUALITY</b>  |                    |                |                   |  |
| Establish windbreaks to reduce potential airborne odors and pathogens from leaving farm.  |                    | 10 points      |                   | <b>380</b>                                       |
| <b>WATER QUALITY</b>  |                    |                |                   |  |
| Improve surface water quality by implementing stream crossings for livestock or equipment.  |                    | 20 points      |                   | <b>728-342-382</b>                               |
| Divert overland flow of clean water from existing permanent livestock feeding areas. (e.g. diversion, gutters, etc.)  |                    | 20 points      |                   | <b>558-362<br/>412-606</b>                       |
| Reduce excessive nutrient application by establishing a nutrient management plan or an animal waste utilization plan. A current soil test is required. Application rate of nutrients must follow the nutrient management plan. Nutrient Management Plan is to be comprehensive. |                    | 25 points      |                   | <b>590 - CNMP</b>                                |
| Improve surface water quality by establishing a filter strip/buffer area between water resource and pastureland or feedlot. *Minimum width 35 feet.   |                    | 25 points      |                   | <b>393A-342-391<br/>472-314-382-612-<br/>644</b> |

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| <b>ANIMAL WASTE</b>  |                 |  |                |                                   |
| Improve water quality and utilization of nutrients from animal waste by relocating an established concentrated winter feeding area.                                |                 | Points awarded based on relocation distance from concentrated flow area, stream, or sinkhole:<br>100-200 feet = 10 points<br>200-300+ feet = 20 points |                | <b>757-561</b><br><b>560-342</b>  |
| Reduce surface water quality problems by constructing a waste storage facility.  |                 | 50 points dry manure storage<br>75 points wet manure storage   |                | <b>313-633-312</b>                |
| Reduce potential spread of pathogens and disease, reduce potential water pollution by organic agricultural waste, and control odor by constructing a composter.    |                 | 20 points  |                | <b>317A-312-318</b><br><b>633</b> |
| <b>SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>   |                 |  |                |                                   |
| Distance of high residential development (i.e. housing subdivision) to farm operation will be considered because of the required increase in management practices. |                 | <500 ft = 20 points<br>500 ft to 0.5 mile=15 points<br>0.5 mile to 1.5 mile=10 points  |                |                                   |
| <b>BONUS</b>   |                 |  |                |                                   |
| Improvement of identified conservation concerns by applying at a Resource Management System level.   |                 | 1-2 Practices = 50 points<br>3-4 Practices = 25 points   |                |                                   |
| Points awarded for only practice codes in bold print.  |                 | <b>TOTAL = (maximum 460 points)</b>  |                |                                   |